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SUBJECT: LEBANON:POSSIBLE MEETING WITH MARONITE PATRIARCH IN ROME

FROM VATICAN OFFICE

REF: A) ROME 14941, B)STATE 203413

1. VATICAN FOREIGN MINISTER/CASAROLI TOLD SARROS AUGUST 16
THAT MARONITE PATRIARCH WISHED TO TALK WITH US REGARDING A
REQUEST FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT CARTER (REFTELS).

2. IN TELLING US THIS CASAROLI CAREFULLY DID NOT MAKE A
RECOMMENDATION BUT SIMPLY NOTED THAT THE PATRIARCH, WHOM HE
DESCRIBED AS A LEBANESE MODERATE WITH LIMITED INTERNAL
INFLUENCE, IS SEEKING TO GAIN STATURE AND PRESTIGE THROUGH
VISIBLE EXTERNAL SUPPORT ESPECIALLY THROUGH HIS RECENT
MEETINGS WITH POPE PAUL AND FRENCH PRESIDENT
Giscard, THIS EXPLAINS PATRIARCH'S
DESIRE FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, SAID CASAROLI.
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